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LOCAL POT GROWER SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on June 30, 2008, Steven Landers, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 30 months in prison and five years of supervised release for his conviction of cultivation of marijuana.

United States District Court Judge Ralph Beistline imposed the sentence on Landers, age 47.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Crandon Randell, Landers was raising a crop of 183 marijuana plants in a hidden basement in a building located at 8220 Clark's Road, in Anchorage. Landers had constructed the building in a secluded hillside location protected by a locked gate and a sign advising visitors to keep away. The grow operation was behind a door hidden behind a false wall underneath a staircase. A set of stairs behind the door led down to the basement to another locked door which contained the grow operation. The grow operation was powered by electricity stolen from Chugach Electric Association.

Mr. Cohen commended the Metro Drug Unit and Chugach Electric Association for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Landers.

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